

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Presenting one-sided information for the purpose of influencing the election for commercial gain should not be allowed.

Media ownership rules need to be strengthened. The license renewal process needs to involve an examination of program content to see that it conforms to FCC rules.

Thank you.

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